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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7934 BILL NUMBER: SB 428 **DATE PREPARED:** May 2, 2001 **BILL AMENDED:** Apr 29, 2001

SUBJECT: Health Professions Licenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: (CCR Amended) The bill provides standardized requirements for health professions concerning: (1) attesting compliance with continuing education requirements; (2) auditing compliance with continuing education requirements; and (3) reinstating a health professional's lapsed license, certificate, or registration.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Fee Streamlining:* The Health Professions Bureau indicates that the streamlining of fees may improve the efficiency of the Bureau's staff to process lapsed licenses, certificates, or registrations. The Bureau does not anticipate any new expenses to be required to implement fee streamlining.

Random Audit: This bill allows the Health Professions Bureau to randomly audit between 1% and 10% of the practitioners that are required to keep on record receipts of continuing education hours. To implement an audit, the Health Professions Bureau indicates that it would need to do the following: create a random audit list, notify the selected practitioners by certified mail, review the verification of completion, and send follow-up correspondence to those who are either in or out of compliance. The added cost of postage (the cost of certified mail is \$2.97) and stationery would depend on the size of the audit sample.

The provision could increase expenditures for the Health Professions Bureau. The increased expenditure is indeterminable and dependent on how the agency notifies license holders of the requirements of the bill.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Fee Streamlining:* The Bureau indicates that the provisions of fee streamlining should be revenue neutral.

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Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

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